



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Raul Raudales

Art Unit : 3749

Serial No. : 09/293,198

Examiner : Andrea M. Ragonese

Filed : April 16, 1999

Title : VEGETABLE PRODUCT DRYING

MAIL STOP AF

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated September 4, 2003, be extended for three months to and including March 4, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$475 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, Order No. 09879-003001.

Respectfully submitted,

FISH & RICHARDSON P.C.

MAR - 4 2004

Date: _____

Fish & Richardson P.C.
225 Franklin Street
Boston, MA 02110-2804
Telephone: (617) 542-5070
Facsimile: (617) 542-8906

20818051.doc


Charles Hieken
Reg. No. 18,411

RECEIVED

MAR 1 2 2004

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

03/09/2004 MGEEREN1 00000090 09293198

01 FC:2253

475.00 OP

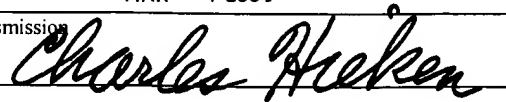
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope addressed to the above address, or being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO, on the date indicated below.

MAR - 4 2004

Date of Transmission

Signature



Charles Hieken

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate